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Re: Sierakowski et al.
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 Docket No. Liner-602
 For VEHICLE BED LINER

Attn: Group Art Unit 3612
 Examiner Gregory A.
 Blankenship
March AF Amendment

Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450:

I certify that this correspondence is facsimile-transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office (571 273 8300) on 22 MAR 2006:

Christopher John Rudy 22 MAR 2006.

Thank you for the 03/06/2006 office action for the present patent application. In reply thereto, please reconsider.

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS follow this page.

Without entering new matter this amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims the invention, and is fully supported by the underlying written descriptive and pictorial portions of the specification. With no additional fee due claims 1-3, 7, 11, 15, 17 and 20-23, 25, 27 and 29-35 remain present.

This amendment may be entered because it places the case in condition for allowance. Hereby, claim 30 adds a limitation from allowable claim 21. No new search nor consideration is needed.

As may apply to the present and former claims, nonetheless, the rejection of claims 30 through 35 under 35 USC 103(a) over Vitoorapakorn, patent No. US 6,203,090 B1, in view of Darbshire, patent No. US 6,328,364 B1, remains respectfully traversed. As correctly decided by Examiner Pape in the prosecution of the application that led to the Darbshire patent, the art of a fixed bed liner such as that of Vitoorapakorn is not related to the art of a pull out drawer system for a vehicle's cargo area such as represented by Darbshire. Nothing has changed since then with respect to the art. Be that as it may, for reasons of economy, the Applicants offer to amend independent claim 30 to require limitations that make its liner correspond to allowed claim 21.

Please, therefore, enter this amendment and withdraw the final rejection. Prompt and favorable action with a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully,


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